



# St. Jerome Early Childhood Center

## MISSION STATEMENT

St. Jerome Early Childhood Center, a Catholic community, provides a loving and accepting environment that fosters respect for all people by modeling Christian values as our children grow and learn.

## HISTORY

St. Jerome Early Childhood Center opened its doors in 1990 in response to the needs of parishioners who were seeking a quality educational facility for preschool age children. The center offers morning and afternoon classes for four year olds and morning classes for two and three year olds. Extended day hours are also available.

## ACCREDITATION/LICENSING

St. Jerome Early Childhood Center is fully accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. St. Jerome E.C.C. is licensed by the Pinellas County License Board.

## CURRICULUM

The curriculum at St. Jerome E.C.C. encourages children to be actively involved in the learning process, to experience a variety of developmentally appropriate activities and materials and to pursue their own interests as members of a Catholic community. All children are involved in an integrated religious program based on Christian values while exploring other cultures as well. Faith development is the foundation of our program, as our children grow in acceptance of others, a love for God and a friendship with Jesus, our brother.



Please contact St. Jerome Early Childhood Center for additional information

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**A FAITH-FILLED BEGINNING**

# St. Jerome Early Childhood Center FOUNDATION



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National Academy of  
Early Childhood  
Programs



## HISTORY

St. Jerome Early Childhood Center Foundation was established in 1993 within the guidelines set forth by the Diocese of St. Petersburg for the purpose of funding the operational and capital expenses of St. Jerome Early Childhood Center.



## CONTRIBUTIONS

It is our hope that you will consider a tax deductible gift to the Foundation.

Contributions may be made directly to St. Jerome Early Childhood Center Foundation.



## GOALS

The goals of our foundation are to support families in the need of tuition assistance and to maintain our facility.

## GUIDELINES

- Any and all contributions shall constitute the principal portion of an endowment account and shall not be invaded.
- The annual investment income will be added to the school's budget for the purposes outlined above.
- All funds will be administered by the Diocese in a separate investment fund for St. Jerome Early Childhood Center.

For your convenience and to allow for varying family budgets, eight levels of gifts have been established.

<i>Founder</i>	<i>\$10,000.00 or more</i>
<i>Benefactor</i>	<i>\$ 5,000.00 or more</i>
<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>\$ 1,000.00 or more</i>
<i>Patron</i>	<i>\$ 500.00 or more</i>
<i>Saint</i>	<i>\$ 250.00 or more</i>
<i>Angel</i>	<i>\$ 100.00 or more</i>
<i>Friend</i>	<i>\$ 50.00 or more</i>
<i>Associate</i>	<i>\$ 25.00 or more</i>

Gifts of \$250.00 or more will be memorialized on a plaque, which will be prominently displayed as part of the donor tree in the Early Childhood Center.

If you are unable to contribute at this time, please consider a bequest in your will or trust. In making a bequest, you may find the following appropriate legal language helpful:

"I give, devise and bequeath (amount of money, stock, or property) to Robert N. Lynch, as bishop of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, and his successors in office for the use of the St. Jerome Early Childhood Center Foundation."

These same words can be used as a special bequest in a will, in the residuary clause of a will, and a simple codicil to a will.

In trusts, St. Jerome Early Childhood Center would be named as a beneficiary using the following language:

"Upon the death of the grantor, the trust's remaining assets shall be distributed as follows: (amount of money, stock, or property) to Robert N. Lynch, as Bishop of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, and his successors in office for the use of the St. Jerome Early Childhood Center Foundation."